

# Wednesday Notes



November 22, 2023

Dear OLM School Community,

This is an abbreviated, "Thanksgiving Edition" of the Wednesday Notes. We could not let this holiday pass without without expressing our gratitude to all the people-students, faculty, staff, and families- who make our school community what it is.

And although Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday and is not a holy day in the Church calendar, it is still a day where we rightly turn our thanks and praise to God, the author of all good things. If you are staying local this Thanksgiving, please consider joining our parish community for Holy Mass tomorrow morning at 9:00 am.

Looking ahead to next week at school, two brief items of notes:

- Session 2 of our Drama Club begins next Wednesday, and has now been opened to students in Grade 3, as well as those in Grades 4-8. Please see below for more details and to sign up.
- With the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception coming up soon on Friday, December 8, we will NOT have First Friday Mass on Friday, December 1. Next week, we will have our Tuesday morning Mass on November 28, and we will have formal Mass hosted by our fourth grade class on the Friday of the following week, December 8.



We wish everyone in our school community a blessed Thanksgiving Day, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, November 27. Thank you for everything that you do to make our remarkable school community what it is.

With Prayers and Gratitude,  
Patrick McNabb  
Principal

## The Week Ahead

**November 22-24** NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess

**Monday, November 27** Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm

**Tuesday, November 28** School Mass 8:15 am

**Tuesday, November 28** Robotics Practice 2:30-5:00 pm in the Tech Room

**Wednesday, November 29** Drama Club Session Two Begins!

**Thursday, November 30** Author Visit with Grade 4!

**Thursday, November 30** Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm in the Library

**Thursday, November 30** Choir Practice 2:30-3:15 pm

**Friday, December 1** Robotics Practice 2:30-5:00 pm in the Tech Room

**Friday December 1** OLM Parish Families Group Caroling 5:30-7:00 pm

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

**Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, November 23  
Mass at 9:00 AM**



**Join us in Giving Thanks to God  
for Our Blessings & Bounty**

# Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We had a tremendous response! Everything collected will go to support the work of our Parish Outreach Ministry through Mercy House. Thank you for your generosity!



## Drama Club Session 2: Now Open to Grade 3!

You read that right! We still have space in Session 2 of our Drama Club, which begins next Wednesday, November 29, and that means that we can now expand participation to students in Grades 3-8! Click the button below if you would still like to sign up, and we will see all our budding thespians next Wednesday after school in the gym!



# 2023-2024 OLM DRAMA CLUB

## Session 2: 4th - 8th Graders

INTRO TO THEATRE:  
CHARACTER CREATION: BRINGING ROLES TO LIFE



Wednesdays:  
11/29, 12/6, 12/13,  
12/20, 1/24, 1/31

2:15 - 4:00

OLM School Gym

\$120.00

Led by  
Director Chelsea Cook



CLICK BELOW  
FOR DETAILS AND  
TO REGISTER



[Click Here to Register for Drama Club Session 2!](#)

# Children's Christmas Bazaar!

The annual OLM Children's Christmas Bazaar is an opportunity for our parish and school students to become young entrepreneurs and sell their goods! Crafts, baked goods and artwork are all welcome. Click below for more details and to register. If selling is not for your child, we hope you will come out and shop with us on 12/2/23 from 2:00- 3:30pm. The Bazaar is held in Mercy Park right outside of our church. Free photos with Santa, live music and complimentary hot cocoa will be back. We can't wait to see what the kids create!



**OLM's  
Children's Christmas Bazaar  
2023**

*Come support our young entrepreneurs!*

Saturday, December 2, 2023  
2:00 - 3:30PM  
Location: Mercy Park  
(Inclement Weather: OLM School Gym)

Student made crafts, art and homemade baked goods for sale. Free admission, hot cocoa, live music and photo opportunities with Santa!

To sign up as a young entrepreneur, please scan the code.



[Scan the QR Code Above or Click Here to Register!](#)

## OLM Parish Families Group!

Are you interested in getting to know more families at OLM Church? If so, the OLM Parish Families Group is a great opportunity to connect with other kids and parents in the parish community. If you haven't been a part of it before, there are two upcoming events to take part in and deepen your connection to our parish and school community!

### *9am Mass, Thanksgiving Day*

Families are encouraged to attend 9am Mass on Thanksgiving morning - it's a great way to give thanks to God as we reflect on our many blessings.

### *Christmas Caroling, Friday, Dec. 1st, 5:30 – 7*

The school community is invited to join the OLM Parish Families group for Christmas Caroling! We'll meet at 5:30 at the church to sing traditional Christmas carols in the parish neighborhood and then finish the night back in the church cry-room for hot cocoa.

## Beloved is Back!

Beloved, our ministry for middle school girls, has started up again! We send a big thank you to our third grade teacher Mrs. Emily Thompson for picking up the baton from Mrs. Duffy in leading this valuable group for our young ladies.

The next meeting will take place Thursday, November 30 from 2:30 to 3:15 pm in the library, and meetings will generally take place every other Thursday afternoon going forward. All young ladies in Grades 6-8 are welcome to attend, and no prior participation is required- just an open mind and an open heart!

## Preparing to Volunteer

Are you interested in volunteering at OLM School during the 2023-2024 school year? Because we take the moral and physical safety of our students very seriously, there are steps that all volunteers must take before beginning:

BCI and Safe Environment Training paperwork must be processed in order to allow parents/grandparents to volunteer at OLM on field trips, in classrooms, etc.

Here are the steps that all prospective volunteers must complete:

- [OLM Volunteer Application](#) - complete this form.
- [BCI application](#) - complete this form - which must be notarized by a Notary Public. Attach a copy of the **FRONT** and **BACK** of your driver's license. The school pays the \$5.00 processing fee.
- [Safe Environment Training](#) - complete this form once you have reviewed the following links:
  - [Safe Environment Training Link](#)
  - [Safe Environment Code of Ethical Conduct Link](#)
  - [Safe Environment Extract Link](#)

Please send/bring all these forms/documents to the front office once you have completed them so we can submit them for processing. **Please note the process can take a few weeks, so the time to act is now!**

**Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety and well-being of all students at OLM School!**

## Wednesday Envelope

**No Wednesday Envelope This Week!**

## Upcoming Dates

**November 22-24** NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess  
**Thursday, November 30** Author Visit with Grade 4!  
**Thursday, November 30** Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm  
**Friday December 1** OLM Parish Families Group Caroling 5:30-7:00 pm  
**Saturday, December 2** OLM Children's Christmas Bazaar 2:00-3:00 pm  
**Monday, December 4** School Confessions 12:45 pm  
**Wednesday, December 6** St. Nicholas Day!  
**Friday, December 8** Immaculate Conception Mass 9:00 am (Formal Uniforms)  
**Saturday, December 9** Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm  
**Thursday, December 14** First Trimester Report Cards Go Home  
**Thursday, December 14** Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm  
**Friday, December 15** Christmas Pageant 6:00 pm  
**Tuesday, December 19** Grades 3-5 Field Trip to The Nutcracker  
**Friday, December 22** 11:30 am Dismissal; No After-School Extended Day  
**December 25-January 2** Christmas Vacation  
**Wednesday, January 3** School Resumes  
**Friday, January 5** First Friday Mass 9:00 am (Formal Uniforms)  
**Monday, January 15** NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
**Tuesday, January 16** PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
**Wednesday, January 24** Second Trimester Progress Reports Go Home  
**Thursday, January 25** Class of 2024 Science Fair  
**Sunday, January 28** Open House 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
**January 28-February 2** Catholic Schools Week!  
**Friday, February 2** First Friday Mass 9:00 am (Formal Uniforms)  
**Friday, February 2** Middle School Dance 6:30-8:30 pm  
**Saturday, February 10** Father-Daughter Dance  
**Tuesday, February 13** PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
**Wednesday, February 14** Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 am (Formal Uniforms)  
**February 19-23** February Vacation

**Happy Thanksgiving!**